

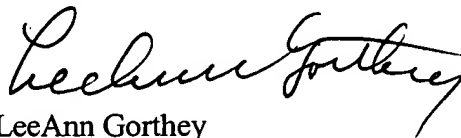
**REMARKS**

Entry of the above amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821 to include unbranched nucleotide sequences with ten or more nucleotides. Specifically, SEQ ID NOs: 38 and 39 have been added to the previous Sequence Listing, and references to these SEQ ID NOs: have been added to the specification. In addition, the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 12 on page 18 of the specification, which was mistakenly altered in the last preliminary amendment, has been restored to the correct sequence in this amendment.

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